

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

; Hon.

v.

; Criminal No.

GEORGE T. BRANCH

; Title 18, United States Code,
Section 1951

The grand jury in and for the District of New Jersey,
sitting at Newark, charges:

COUNT 1

At various times relevant to this Indictment:

1. The defendant GEORGE T. BRANCH was a councilman in the City of Newark and as such, he was a public official and public employee of the City of Newark, entrusted with administrative powers and responsibilities affecting the City of Newark.

2. The defendant GEORGE T. BRANCH was the chairman of the City of Newark Real Estate Commission and was entrusted with administrative powers and responsibilities affecting properties which the City of Newark wished to sell.

3. Andrew Davlouros is a self-employed restaurateur who owned and operated businesses under the corporate names of Treat Foods and Treat Caterers. Andrew Davlouros submitted bids and proposals in order to acquire and rehabilitate various parcels of land owned by the City of Newark and purchased property from the City of Newark.

COUNT 2

1. Paragraph 1 through 3 of Count 1 are realleged and incorporated as set forth in full herein.
2. On October 6, 1983, at Maplewood, in the District of New Jersey, the defendant

GEORGE T. BRANCH

knowingly and wilfully committed extortion, as that term is defined in Title 18, United States Code, Section 1951, by obtaining property, including approximately \$500 in cash kickbacks from Andrew Davlouros with his consent, such consent having been induced by a wrongful use of fear of financial and economic injury to Andrew Davlouros under color of official right, which extortion obstructed, delayed and affected interstate commerce and the movement of articles in interstate commerce, as that term is defined in Title 18, United States Code, Section 1951, in that corporations owned by Andrew Davlouros were dependent upon interstate commerce for materials and supplies.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1951.

A TRUE BILL

FOREPERSON

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